

Town of Abington  
Board of Health Meeting  
Monday, October 7, 2013  
Buckley Room  
7:00pm

Members present: Bob Manning, Chairman, Theresa Maze, Vice Chair, Margie Devlin, Donna Hoffman, Linda Dickey, Sharon White, Health Agent

Public Hearing – Tobacco Regulations

Steve Ryan – New England Convenience Store Assoc. Discusses the sale of cigars in a 4pkg and the cap on tobacco retailers

David Brennan – Brennan's News discusses the 4pkg cigar sales and Pharmacy sales  
Margie comments that she agrees with Mr. Brennan's discussion

Joe Blinn – Tedeschi Food Shops states that with these regulations the BOH is pushing business into other towns and with the loss of sales means laying people off.  
Terry states that they had the same argument when smoking was banned in restaurants and the businesses weren't adversely affected and everyone complied and there have been no issues. She would choose to go to the store in her town rather than another town to support the local businesses. Donna seconds Terry's comment.

Discussion continues with store owners

Margie would like the Board to explain how they reached their decisions on the Tobacco Regulations. Bob explains that like any Board they have to follow regulations and you have to update outdated Regulations. The Tobacco Regulations were outdated and needed to be upgraded.

Discussion with Jackie Doane – GB Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

Discussion with DJ Wilson- Mass Municipal Association

Bob closes the Public Hearing

## Transfer of Burial Permits to the Town Clerk's Office

Sharon explains that the State has changed the way they will be issuing Burial Permits. It will be all computerized and Leanne Adams, Town Clerk, is already doing the Birth Certificates through this system so it would be more efficient to turn them over to her.

Terry motions to move the responsibility of issuing Burial Permits to the Town Clerk's Office

Donna seconds

Unanimous

## Vote to change wording for mixed use properties

Sharon explains about the moratorium on issuing mixed use variances because there was no proper wording in the Local Trash and Recycling Regulations. Sharon sent an email to Mark Reich, Town Attorney, for suggestions which were to take out parts of section B5 and add to B4 of the Regulations. Sharon suggests:

B4 – Any properties that contain both business and residential use and adding the Board may place any reasonable restrictions as it sees fit

B5 – Industrial, trade or business property and any business used for the habitation of four (4) or more families

Terry motions to accept the recommendations of legal to move section B5 to B4 with the added reasonable restrictions as it sees fit

Linda seconds motion

Unanimous

## Dumpster Regulations

The Board goes through all sections of the dumpster regulation template

Discussion

Terry motions to approve the minutes from Sept. 16, 2013.

Bob motions to accept the minutes

Donna seconds motion

Unanimous

## Regulations for Tobacco

Margie is against the Tobacco Regulations. She feels that it will hurt businesses in town.

Donna is 100% in favor of the Tobacco Regulations.

Terry agrees with Donna. She would like to approve the Regulations and send them to Legal.

Linda agrees with the Regulations.

Bob motions to set the date the Tobacco Regulations go into effect pending any output from the Town Manager and Legal review.

## Discussion

Bob proposes that the Regulations go into effect on December 1, 2013

Terry seconds

Margie opposes

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Sharon suggests changing the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to the 21<sup>st</sup> because of the flu clinic being held on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

SAGE is having anything with a plug on Nov. 2, 2013 at the Highway Dept.

72 Cars attended the Hazardous Waste Day

Terry motions to adjourn

Margie seconds

Unanimous

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Bob Manning, Chairman

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Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk

